



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 15(D)1

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

Date: March 20, 2007

From: Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

Subject: Nominees for Appointment to the
Children's Trust by the Governor

Kay Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

Section 2-1522 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida provides for the creation of a thirty-three (33) member Children's Trust for the purpose of funding improvements for the children of Miami-Dade County in the areas of health, development, safety, parental responsibility, community responsibility and other necessary and important children's services.

This section of the Code establishes that seven (7) members of the Trust shall be appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida from a list of candidates recommended by the Board of County Commissioners. There are currently two (2) vacancies on the Trust resulting from the term expiration of Maria Alonso and Octavio Verdeja. The Board of County Commissioners shall submit to the Governor the names of at least three (3) persons for each vacancy for a total of six (6) candidates.

The Office of the Chair has received expressed interest from nine (9) persons interested in serving as the Governor's appointees to the Children's Trust. The resumes and letters of recommendation for the following candidates are provided for your review:

- Ms. Kathryn Abbate, M.H.A.
- Ms. Liliana C. Albuerne
- Ms. Laurie L. Allen
- Ms. Maria Angela Alonso (*incumbent*)
- Dr. Miguel A. Balsera
- Ms. Cherry L. Doctor
- Ms. Linda Friedman
- Mr. Keith W. Landon
- Mr. Octavio F. Verdeja (*incumbent*)

Attached you will find a ballot listing the names of the candidates and you are requested to select your choices and submit your ballots to the Clerk. Each candidate must receive a simple majority to be considered for submission.

KS:llc

Attachments

ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT
Miami-Dade County, Florida

March 20, 2007

CHILDREN'S TRUST

NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR

ABBATE, Kathryn	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALBUERNE, Liliana C.	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALLEN, Laurie L.	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALONSO, Maria A. (incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
BALSERA, Dr. Miguel A.	<input type="checkbox"/>
DOCTOR, Cherry L.	<input type="checkbox"/>
FRIEDMAN, Linda	<input type="checkbox"/>
LANDON, Keith	<input type="checkbox"/>
VERDEJA, Octavio (incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commissioner _____
(Please *sign* ballot)

Commission District Number _____

HARVEY RUVIN
Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 17-202
Miami, FL 33128
305-375-5126



Kathryn Abbate, M.H.A.

521 North 13th Avenue
Hollywood, Florida 33019
(954) 923-4976

Professional Experience

Miami Beach Community Health Center

1998 - Present

Chief Executive Officer

4/2002- Present

Responsible for the administration and management of Miami Beach Community Health Center and its four satellites.

Responsibilities include:

- Oversight of the development, implementation and evaluation of programs and initiatives in accordance with the organization's strategic plan and funding source requirements.
- Oversight of the on-going development of organization policies and procedures for fiscal management, personnel management, and program management.
- Supervision of review of bills, preparation of checks, balancing of accounts and the maintenance of related records. Prepares for collections and write off procedures and recommends to the Board of Directors necessary revisions in fee schedules as costs increase or poverty level changes.
- Planning and implementation of management strategies to insure the long-term viability of the organization.
- Oversight of compliance with contractual agreements and funding source requirements.
- Planning and implementation of resource development strategies, including prospect research and preparation of grant proposals, to insure the long-term viability of the organization.
- Assurance of the organization's financial accountability. Development of a cost-effective, balanced annual budget and reviews and approves all expenditures.
- Negotiation of agreements and contracts in which the agency may enter, including those with other health care providers.
- Assurance of accountability of contracts in concurrence with chief clinical officer and subject to approval of Board of Directors.
- Development and maintenance of a network of funding sources to expand and diversify the organization's base of financial support.
- Development and maintenance of a comprehensive knowledge of indigent health care, community health center initiatives, relevant public policy and related program trends.
- Oversight of human resources management, including determination of salary and benefit levels, hiring, discipline and performance evaluation. Provides opportunities to staff that promote growth, creativity and participation in organization planning and development.

- Oversight of coordination of requests for proposals for procurement of goods and services to support the operations of the organization.
- Coordination of the functioning of the Board of Directors, an entity representative of the community's diversity and committed to the organization's mission.
- Presentation of regular financial and program reports to the Board of Directors.
- Representation of the organization on the local, state and national levels, acting as a liaison and advocate for community health care and indigent health care, including representation at NACHC and at FACHC.
- Oversight of the adequacy of the working environment in the organization's office.
- Oversight of annual update of the organization's strategic plan.
- Oversight of regular organizational staff meetings and direction of Total Quality Management program.

Acting Chief Executive Officer

12/01-4/02

Chief Operating Officer

7/1998-12/2001

Responsible for all business and day-to-day operations of the Community Health Center and three satellites, including fiscal oversight, budget preparation and monitoring, purchasing oversight, human resources management and staff development, contract, grants and lease management, organizational liaison for legal issues, accreditation oversight and building maintenance. Works with the CEO to develop and implement the strategic plan for the Center.

Administrative and management responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Supervision and direction of activities of all departments to ensure appropriate compliance with all local, state and federal laws that govern the Center.
- Review and approval of all departmental policies and procedures
- Review and approval/disapproval of all recommendation for employee disciplinary action with recommendations for action, if necessary, to CEO, for major department heads or supervisors.
- Management of all contracts, leases and memoranda of understanding/agreement in compliance with state, local and federal statutory requirements with recommendations for action, if necessary, to CEO.
- Review of BCRR reports and other financial information with recommendations of correction action, if required, to CEO.
- Monitoring of CFO's management of corporate purchasing system including, but not limited, to requisition, bids, ordering acceptance, and delivery of goods and services required by the Center.
- Responsibility for timely preparation and submission of all grant applications and related reports and correspondence.
- Review of monthly financial reports prepared by CFO prior to submission to the CEO and Board of Directors. Verbal recommendations to Board of Directors.
- Transmittal of information to CEO regarding any substantive actions taken on issues affecting the operations of the Center.

- Performs any/all administrative and management duties of the CEO in his/her absence.

Selected highlights

- Managed day-to-day building project for North location that opened December, 1999;
- Planned, directed, coordinated and supervised the construction project for the North location from the conceptual development stage through final construction, including the selection, hiring, and oversight of specialty trade contractors (e.g., engineers, architects, and others who were involved in the construction process) insuring that the project was done on time and within budget;
- Evaluated and helped determine the appropriate delivery systems and the most cost-effective plan and schedule for completing the project;
- Directed and monitored the progress of construction activities, sometimes through construction supervisor or construction managers;
- Developed, implemented and maintained administrative policies and management information systems to strengthen financial controls, account receivables, third party reimbursement and obtain health maintenance organizations capitated contract agreements for new patients;
- Directly supervised staff for accreditation from Joint Commission of Accreditation of Health Care Organizations in March 1999 and April 2001;
- Directly responsible for key staff recruitment;
- Directly responsible for improvement in patient satisfaction, quality of patient care and financial position of the Center; and
- Developed plan to introduce committee structure in Board of Directors.

Quest Health Care, Inc.
Cooper City, Florida

1995-1998

President/Member, Board of Director

Recruited as Chief Operating Officer, serving as a key member on the senior executive team. Responsibilities included planning, development, expansion, and implementation of improved health care services. Worked in partnership with health care administrators, financial executives, government agencies, legislators, regulators, physicians, and public advocacy groups to drive forward innovative health care and managed care programs. Special emphasis on start-up, operations and positioning of Men' Medical Centers of America as a multiple health relief service for men, operating 24 hours a day with specialties in nutritional and psychological counseling, research, impotency, sexually transmitted disease therapy, and sleep disorders.

Responsibilities included:

- Implementation of utilization review, quality assurance and internal audit programs to facilitate ongoing improvements in the delivery and cost of care;
- Direction of physician recruitment, credentialing, scheduling and contract negotiations;

- Supervision of clinical staff and all general accounting, financial planning and reporting, budgeting, staff training, human resources and medical coding operations;
- Administration of all insurance billing and collection programs, including Medicare A and B and third party claims.

Selected Highlights

- Opened five MMCA clinics in six months, reaching revenues in excess of \$600,000 and operating income of nearly \$100,000 without any extensive advertising or marketing campaign. Helped gain financing commitments for new equipment.
- Participated in developing a three-tier, direct response marketing campaign. Researched private investment opportunities expected to generate an additional \$250,000 to \$500,000 in additional working capital.

Community Behavioral Services
Multi-site community mental health centers

1994-1995

Operations Manager

Responsibilities included management and supervision of three partial hospitalization clinics in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Supervised a staff of 40.

Selected highlights

- Established numerous clinical programs to meet patients' needs including admissions criteria, review mechanisms, quality assurance, utilization review, team conferences/interdisciplinary meetings, physicians' advisory meetings and patient/family conferences.
- Took over human resources function, responsible for interviewing hiring, evaluating and terminating employees as well as maintaining personnel records. Developed up-to-date job descriptions and educational requirements. Counseled staff via in-services education, training and development programs. Administered payroll, financial reports, provider contracts and insurance documentation in compliance with federal guidelines.

Staff Builders Home Health Services
Miami Lakes, Florida

1991-1994

Director of Business Development

Charged with expanding adult residential and on-site nurse liaison programs with an emphasis on community outreach programs and strategic alliances with hospitals and physicians to provide a direct line for educational and consultative services. Negotiated contracts with HMOs and PPOs.

Selected highlights

- Developed, implemented and evaluated systems to handle management of home health and physician-based referrals. Conducted intensive demographic studies to determine appropriate networking strategies.
- Landed \$1 million account with one of the nation's largest health care providers.

Previous employment includes staff and coordinator-level position in home-health, social service and psychiatric/surgical nursing.

Education:

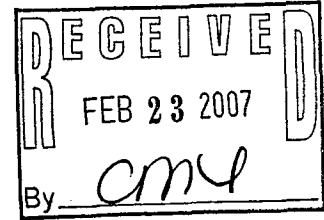
New School for Social Research
Graduate School of Management and Urban Professionals, New York, New York

Master of Professional Studies in Health Services Administration
Bachelor of Arts in Humanities

Educational Extension Board School of Nursing, Hempstead, New York
Certificate of Nursing/LPN
Current Florida Nursing License: #0935391



Ronald L. Book, P.A.
LAW OFFICES
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION



February 20, 2007

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
The Children's Trust Board
111 N.W. First Street
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Chairman Barreiro:

I would like to recommend Kathryn Abbate, M.H.A., CEO of the Miami Beach Community Health Center (MBCHC), as a candidate for The Children's Trust Board of Directors.

Throughout her 20+ years in healthcare, Mrs. Abbate has demonstrated a caring heart for those in need of access to healthcare. As the CEO of the Miami Beach Community Health Center, she exemplifies its mission, "To provide quality, affordable healthcare and support services to the Miami Beach community and all of Miami-Dade County." She has expanded the scope of services offered by MBCHC, especially in the area of children's care. MBCHC is the only agency in Miami-Dade County that participates in the "Bebes Saludades" program. MBCHC also has a pre-natal program that provides education classes in breastfeeding and child rearing for mothers-to-be as well as general wellness classes. She works with various agencies in Miami-Dade County to insure access to healthcare for all residents.

Mrs. Abbate serves on the Board of Directors of the South Florida Work Force, the North Beach Development Corporation, and Health Choice Network.

I feel that Mrs. Abbate would be an asset to The Children's Trust Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Book
RLB:jpm

Ronald L. Book, P.A.
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Aventura, FL 33180

REPLY TO:

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*Sandy Sears, Sr. Vice President/
Interim Chief Administrative Officer
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February 20, 2007

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
111 NW First Street
Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Chairman Barreiro:

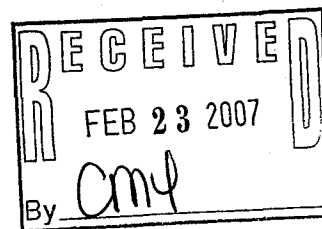
As Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH), it is with pleasure that I submit this letter of recommendation to you on behalf of Kathryn Abbate, M.H.A., CEO of the Miami Beach Community Health Center (MBCHC), as a candidate for The Children's Trust Board of Directors.

With many of its residents, particularly children lacking access to health care services, the Miami Beach Community Health Center works collaboratively with various organizations, providers, consumers, and leaders from the public and private sector to provide quality health care and to address the issues of the great number of uninsured residents in our community. Kathryn has a significant awareness of the needs of the children and families in Miami-Dade County.

I unequivocally lend my support and recommendation to Mrs. Abbate, as she would be an asset to The Children's Trust Board of Directors and continues to significantly improve access to health care services for our children and families.

Sincerely,

Sandy A. Sears
Senior Vice President /
Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Jackson North Medical Center



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Sandy A. Sears
Jackson Memorial Hospital North
160 N.W. 170 Street
Miami, FL 33169

February 20, 2007

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
Miami-Dade County Commission
111 N.W. First Street
Suite 220
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Chairman Barreiro:

It is an honor to support the recommendation of Kathryn Abbate, M.H.A., CEO of the Miami Beach Community Health Center (MBCHC), as a candidate for The Children's Trust Board of Directors.

Since its inception over 25 years ago, the Miami Beach Community Health Center has provided primary care services to the medically uninsured and underserved residents of the community. As the demographics of Miami Beach have changed over the years, the number of uninsured and underserved residents has also grown.

The Miami Beach Community Health Center has been a significant resource to the residents of the City of Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County. We appreciate the Center's effort to provide primary medical care as well as voluntary services to this population.

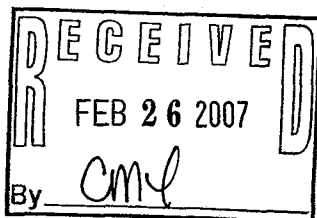
Mrs. Abbate serves on the Board of Directors of the South Florida Work Force Investment Board and shows an extensive record of service on volunteer and public boards.

I feel that Mrs. Abbate would be a valuable asset to The Children's Trust Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Rick Beasley

Rick Beasley
Executive Director
South Florida Workforce Investment Board





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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, INC.

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
The Children's Trust Board
Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners
111 N.W. First Street
Miami, Florida 33128

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Louis B. Antoine, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Consultant

Laurinus Pierre, M.D., M.P.H.
Executive Director

Dear Chairman Barreiro,

We are pleased to recommend Kathryn Abbate, M.H.A., CEO of the Miami Beach Community Health Center (MBCHC), as a candidate for The Children's Trust Board of Directors.

During the past two decades, Mrs. Abbate has shown great leadership in ensuring that the underserved populations of Miami-Dade County receive health care services. As the CEO of the Miami Beach Community Health Center, she has gone beyond the call of duty to facilitate access to quality, affordable healthcare and to support social services for the neediest of Miami-Dade County.

Ms. Abbate has made it possible for the most disenfranchised families and their children to access care by expanding the scope of services of the Miami Beach Community Health Center (MBCHC). The participation of the MBCHC as the only agency in Miami-Dade County in the "Bebes Saludades" initiative is a vivid example of the commitment of Ms. Abbate to the well-being of the underprivileged families and children.

Affiliates:

MILLER
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Miami-Dade County
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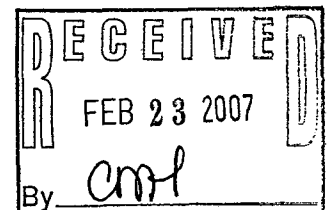
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Another remarkable accomplishment of Ms Abbate is the expansion of an excellent pre-natal program that a) reaches women through education classes in breastfeeding, b) helps women develop child rearing skills and c) educates women about general wellness. Ms. Abbate also plays the role of an advocate who participates in various networks of providers in Miami-Dade County ensuring that all residents of the County have access to the best health care available. Mrs. Abbate serves on the Board of Directors of the South Florida Work Force, the North Beach Development Corporation, and Health Choice Network.

We strongly believe that Mrs. Abbate will be a significant asset to The Children's Trust Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Laurinus Pierre, M.D., M.P.H.
Executive Director



Health Foundation
of South Florida

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Miami, FL 33131
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February 21, 2007

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
111 N.W. First Street
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Dear Chairman Barreiro,

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It is with pleasure that I submit this letter of recommendation to you on behalf of Kathryn Abbate, M.H.A., CEO of the Miami Beach Community Health Center (MBCHC), who I have known for the past 5 years, and is a candidate for The Children's Trust Board of Directors.

Kathryn Abbate is a strong advocate for children, adults, and elders who lack health awareness information and access to health care services. I am hopeful that as a board member, she will continue to benefit the many uninsured and underserved children and families in the City of Miami Beach as well as Miami-Dade County. She is very dedicated to the mission of improving the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County and has an extensive record of effective advocacy for children.

STAFF

Steven E. Marcus, Ed.D.
President & CEO

Kathy Antieau, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

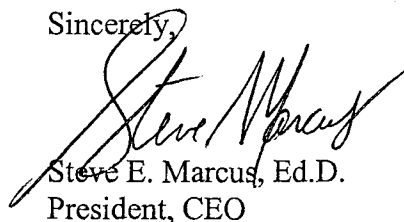
Shari L. Gantman
Director of Communications

Peter N. Wood, MPA
Vice President of Programs

*Improving the health
status of residents in Broward,
Miami-Dade
and Monroe Counties
by supporting nonprofit orga-
nizations*

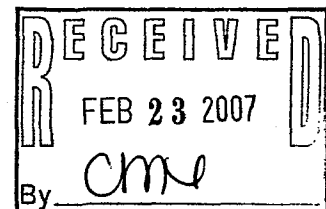
Mrs. Abbate would be an asset to The Children's Trust Board of Directors as she continues her goal of dramatically improve health wellness and access to health care services among to our residents in the City of Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County. She will bring vision, analysis and an "on the ground" perspective to the needs of underserved children in our county.

Sincerely,



Steve E. Marcus, Ed.D.
President, CEO

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EDUCATION

- 2007 - *NOVA UNIVERSITY*, Doctoral Program
- 1993 – 1999 *NOVA UNIVERSITY*, Masters in Science - Educational Leadership.
- Jan./83 - Aug./85 *FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY*, Bachelor of Science in Social Studies Education.
- Aug./75 - Dec./79 *MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE*, Associate in Arts.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Nov/06 – to present *IRVING AND BEATRICE PESKOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*
Principal – Instructional Leader, Student population 1,400 students
Faculty and Staff – 138, Member of Homestead Chamber of Commerce, Re-opened Parent Literacy Center, Adult EFL classes with South-Dade Senior Adult Center, Represented Regional Center VI at Harvard University – ten day workshop, Harvard Graduate School of Education.
- June/04 – Nov/06 *DR. GILBERT L. PORTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*
Assistant Principal – Areas of Responsibility; Curriculum K-2, Attendance, PTA liaison, supervised the ESOL, EFL, SPED departments, EESAC, Representative, Textbooks, SST, Wrote School Improvement Plan (SIP), Staff Development, Safety, Discipline, Primary Learning Center (PLC).
- Aug/03 – June/04 *FRANCES S. TUCKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*
Assistant Principal – Areas of Responsibility; Curriculum K-5, Attendance, Testing, PTA, ESOL, ESE (SED & TMH), Budget, Textbooks, Monitor SST and retention procedures, Staff Development, Principal's Designee.
- Aug./00 – Aug/03 *KENSINGTON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*
Assistant Principal – Areas of Responsibility; Curriculum K-5, Attendance, Wrote grant for Family Literacy Project, Dade Partners, participated in Annenberg's Writer's Workshop at Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York City two years, expanded the EFL Extended Foreign Language program, ESOL, Plant Maintenance and Security, Textbooks, PTA and Community Involvement, opened EFL classes for Adults with Miami-Jackson Senior High School Adult Center
- May/98 – Aug./00 *DIVISION OF BILINGUAL/WORLD LANGUAGES*
Founder of the Bilingual Parent Outreach Program, facilitator for the After School Tutoring for Limited English Proficient Students, and the Close up Program for New Americans.
- Jan./98 – May/98 *CORAL REEF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL*
Teacher - Social Studies Department
- Aug./ 96 – Jan./98 Professional Sabbatical, Personal Leave.
META Telecourse Facilitator for MDCPS
Axis Behavioral Health Clinic (Oct./97 – Jan./ 98)

Aug./93 - Aug./96

MIAMI KILLIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Administrative Assistant, Department Chairperson for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Killian After School Hours Program (KASH) dropout.

prevention program, Department Chairperson Testing (1994-95), and Administrative Assistant for Attendance and Discipline. META Telecourse Facilitator.

Feb./93 - June/93

NORTH MIAMI HIGH SCHOOL

Administrative Assistant – Attendance

Teacher/ International Baccalaureate Program Social Studies Department.

Feb./86 - Feb./93

MIAMI BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

Administrative Assistant - Attendance, Athletic Director (1991-92)

Social Studies Department Chairperson/Teacher.

ORGANIZATIONS – CONFERENCES

Harvard Principal's Center member

DASA – 2000- to present

Assistant Principals Committee Regional Center IV 2000 - 2004

Assistant Principals Committee Regional Center VI 2004 to present

SPECIAL PROJECTS – AWARDS

- Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard Principal's Center, Harvard University, Boston, Mass. Summer 2006.
- Recipient of Nova University's "Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award" 2002-2003
- Annenberg Leadership Conference, Teachers College, New York, N.Y. 2001-2003
- National Association of Bilingual Educators Conference – presenter for Miami-Dade County Public School's Bilingual Parent Outreach Center, San Antonio, Texas, 1999
- Title I Parent Conference presenter, Miami - 1998 – certificate.
- Community Connections Conference, committee member – 1998/2003– certificates.
- Family and Community Involvement District Advisory Committee – 1998/2003– certificates.
- Overage Longitudinal Project – Miami Beach Senior High School feeder pattern.
- Multicultural Committee – Miami Beach Senior High School, Coral Reef Senior High School
- The Rockefeller Foundation HUMANITIES Project, Miami Beach Senior High School feeder pattern.

March 6, 2007

The Honorable Bruno A. Barreiro
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
111 N.W.1 St., Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Chairman Barreiro:

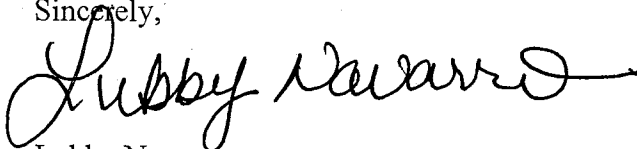
By way of this letter, I would like to recommend Ms. Liliana C. Albuerne for an appointment to the Children's Trust Board.

Ms. Albuerne's outstanding accomplishments and leadership roles in the field of education would make her an asset to the Children's Trust. She is a strong champion for children's causes and is a highly respected school principal in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. She has been a champion of bi-lingual education and has made presentations before the National Association of Bilingual Educators.

Ms. Albuerne's distinguish career in education, includes graduation from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Principal Program. Additionally, Ms. Albuerne has received numerous accolades in her career as an educator, which have included being named the recipient of the Nova's University "Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award".

It is with great honor, that I submit the nomination of Ms. Liliana Albuerne, for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lubby Navarro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Miami, FL 33177
(305) 252-9586

Laurie L. Allen
1000 Island Blvd #201 Aventura, FL 33160
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Professional

- +Mother
- + Small Business Owner-Character Properties, LLC, development of Green Housing
- + EBS Partners, LLC, Managing Member, real estate investment firm specializing in Workforce, and Affordable Housing, Section 8 rentals.
- +Medical Training and Support Miami-Dade Pediatricians, diagnostic testing and results
- +Employment Specialist for Persons with Disabilities, BAC

Community

- +School Advisory Board Director for Aventura City of Excellence Charter School-2006-2007
- +Board of Directors My Jewish Discovery Children Museum
- +WALK 4 Daniel, Founder and Coordinator of fundraiser walk for Daniel Wultz, the South Florida young man killed in Israel 2006
- +Cultural and Entertainment Committee, Williams Island
- +Board of Director Property Owners Association, 2003-2007
- +Member, Temple Emanuel-El
- +Communication Committee, Williams Island
- +WI Kids Camp Director and Co-ordinator

Volunteer Service

- +La Leche Society
- +Red Cross HIV & AIDS Certified Instructor/Lecturer Women and Youth
- +Super Bowl Committee
- +Fundraising Committee MJDCM
- +Fundraiser ACES
- +One Family Fund-Fundraiser

Personal

- +Single mother of seven year old daughter
- +Subsidized Lunch recipient-Audubon Elementary School
- +Pell Grant grantee
- +Florida Native

SUSAN GOTTLIEB
3201 N.E. 183RD STREET
AVENTURA, FLORIDA 33160

March 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Laurie Allen in many capacities for several years. She is my neighbor in Aventura as well as a friend.

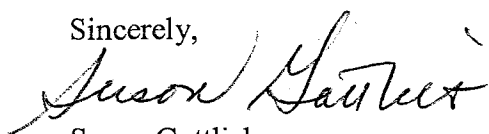
Laurie's extremely dedicated to the children in this community and has spoken on numerous occasions at City Commission meetings on issues concerning children.

She is vocal and supportive of causes to benefit our community, with special emphasis on those regarding the children, whether it is regarding parks, recreation or our local charter school, where she serves on the School Advisory Board.

I was a participant in The Walk for Daniel, a charity fundraiser she promoted and developed to honor a South Florida youth who was killed in Israel.

In summary I can highly recommend Laurie Allen for appointment to the Children's Trust. She will be a valuable asset.

Sincerely,


Susan Gottlieb

RONALD A. SILVER

ATTORNEY AT LAW

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PENTHOUSE SOUTHEAST
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March 6, 2007

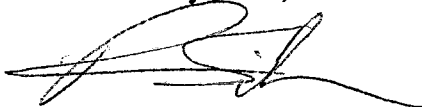
To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Laurie L. Allen

I have known Laurie Allen for several years and know her not only to be concerned about her community, but one who takes an active role in trying to improve the quality of life for all people. As a single mother of a seven year old she is passionate in her approach to children's issues. She has served as a Director on the School Advisory Board for the Aventura City of Excellence Charter School and the Board of Directors, My Jewish Discovery Children Museum. In addition she is a member of several community and charitable organizations where she devotes numerous hours for the various causes.

Having served in the Florida Legislature for twenty-four years I believe that I can recognize individuals who are sincere in giving of themselves to the community and those who just talk a good game. Laurie is in the former category; she not only talks the talk but walks the walk. It is therefore, without any hesitation whatsoever that I am pleased to recommend Laurie Allen for appointment to the Children's Trust. Her experience as a small business owner coupled with her passion for children and her caring about her community uniquely qualifies her for this position.

Sincerely yours,



Ronald A. Silver

Mengrone

**6000 Island Blvd.
Aventura, Florida 33160
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Mobile: 917-856-5610
E-Mail:**

Letter Of Recommendation

March 6, 2007 _____

To whom it may concern,

We are writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Ms. Laurie Allen.

Ms. Allen has shown exemplary qualities as a leader on Williams Island as a member of the Property Owners Association and as President of the 1000 Building on Williams Island.

Her morality, honesty and integrity are beyond reproach.

It was a great loss for Williams Island when Ms. Allen retired from the aforementioned positions.

We personally hold Ms. Allen in the highest regard.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. F. Mengrone



MARIA ANGELA ALONSO
711 Catalonia Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

March 1981 to
Present: **CITRUS HEALTH NETWORK, INC.**
Hialeah, Florida
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Responsible for operations of Community Mental Health Center and Federally Qualified Health Center. Supervise the operations of direct service programs as well as administrative services including: Financial Operations, Information Technology, Quality Improvement, Maintenance and Construction, Personnel and Medical Records. Assist the Chief Executive Officer in overall management of Center operations.

July 1979 to
March 1981: **HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**
Miami, Florida
HEALTH PLANNER, PLAN REVIEW DEPARTMENT

Responsible for providing technical assistance to applicants including interpretation of applicable procedures, criteria and standards, laws and regulations. Reviewing capital expenditure applications for financial feasibility, cost effectiveness, and community need based on compliance with Agency policy, Federal and State regulations. Coordination, planning, scheduling, and staffing of regular committee meetings.

October 1977 to
April 1979: **HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY OF S.E. PENNSYLVANIA**
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
PLANNING ASSOCIATE, PLAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Responsible for researching and writing the following sections of the Health Systems and Annual Implementation Plans: Health Status, Prevention, Detection, and Obstetrics. The plans were approved both by the Board of Directors and the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Giving technical planning assistance to committees and task forces involved in the development of the Health Systems Plan.

September 1970 to
June 1976: **VARIETY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**
Miami, Florida
NURSE'S AIDE AND CANDY STRIPER

EDUCATION:

August 1977 **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI**, Coral Gables, Florida
Master's Degree in Business Administration with a specialization in
Health Administration.

May 1976 **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI**, Coral Gables, Florida
Bachelor's of Science Degree in Chemistry

March 1978 **JOHN HOPKINS MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, SCHOOL OF
HYGIENE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**, Baltimore, Maryland Training
on Health Status Measures for Small Area Planning.

November 1977 **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY/HEALTH PLANNING
RESEARCH SERVICES, INC.**
Washington, D.C.
Training on Selected Aspect of Planning for Primary Health Care
Services.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST, Miami-Dade County
Governor's Appointee - 2003
Chair, Procurement Committee

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL, Miami-Dade County
Chairperson 1996 to 1998
Vice Chairperson 1994 to 1996

**STATE ADVISORY BOARD MULTI AGENCY NETWORK
FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN**
Served from 1989 to 2003

HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY, City of Miami
Served from 1990 to 1994

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF DADE COUNTY
Chairman, December 1988-August 1990

SOUTH FLORIDA PERINATAL NETWORK
Served from 1984 to 1987

ALLIANCE ON AGING
Board Member since January 2007



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(305) 825-1645 Fax

February 21, 2007

Mr. Bruno Barreiro
Chairman, Miami Dade County Commission
111 NW 1st Street,
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Mr. Barreiro:

This letter is to recommend Maria A. Alonso, MBA, for re-appointment to the Children's Trust. She was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush four years ago and has served as Chair of the Procurement Committee of the Trust during her term in office.

Maria has been an active volunteer in the community for many years particularly in the Children's Services Council which preceded the Children's Trust. She is also currently serving on the Alliance for Aging as a volunteer member of the Board of Directors.

Maria has extensive experience in management of government funded programs and not-for-profit organizations. She understand the fiduciary responsibility of being a board member of a publicly funded board and has competently performed these functions on the Children's Trust.

I am available to answer any questions that you may have regarding my recommendation. Please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Mario Jardon, LCSW
President and CEO

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MIGUEL A. BALSERA

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EDUCATION

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY; FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Doctor of Education

DISSERTATION: A RETENTION PREVENTION READING PROGRAM FOR RETAINED THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY; FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Master of Science Degree - Educational Leadership K-12

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY; MIAMI, FLORIDA

Bachelor of Science Degree - Elementary Education

EXPERIENCE

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Tropical Elementary School; Miami, Florida

Assistant Principal

2005-Present

- Serve as principal designee; manage Special Education (SPED) program (Center for SPED); coordinate weekly grade level meetings to discuss curriculum and student progress; conduct weekly teacher observations and schedule follow-up meetings to discuss evaluation; monitor textbook purchases and maintain textbook inventory; oversee maintenance and student service departments; instituted a reading laboratory for those students reading below grade level; developed monthly assessment calendar and created assessments that focused on State benchmarks; create master schedule that ensures adherence to all subject requirements; serve as test chairperson; analyze test data and provide teachers with feedback and trends; monitor volunteer program, which includes internships and field experience.

Robert Russa Moton Elementary School; Miami, Florida

Assistant Principal

2003-2005

- Serve as principal designee; obtained financial assistance from Regional Center to purchase wireless computer lab for the creation of a reading laboratory for students reading below grade level; responsible for adherence to Title I guidelines, a federal funded program that provides financial assistance for schools with a low-socioeconomic population; monitor all components of Magnet program; serve as chairperson for School Support Team, which implements strategies for areas of concern and determines proper placement and possible referral for evaluation of students; conduct interviews to determine hiring of personnel; coordinate faculty meetings; schedule parent conferences to discuss various parental concerns.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Elementary School; Miami, Florida

Teacher/Administrative Assistant

2002-2003

- Reported directly to principal; conducted demonstration lessons for teachers in the areas of reading and mathematics; monitored the electronic gradebook; assisted with the implementation of the attendance plan; monitored teacher certification requirements; prepared monthly calendar; oversee implementation of the bilingual program schoolwide; maintain the Parent Resource Center; assist with coordination of Science Fair; participated in Educational Excellence School Advisory Committee.

Rockway Elementary School/West Little River Elem. School; Miami, Florida

Teacher

1997-2002

- Alternative Education teacher for fifth grade students and coordinator of the Career Laboratory; developed lesson plans and assessments that focused on Sunshine State Standards; created a service club for students that centered around community projects; co-manager of After School Care Program, which included overseeing of personnel and budget; served as grade-level chairperson; assisted in the development of the School Improvement Plan; administration and teachers Served as third grade teacher for one year.

HONORS AND LEADERSHIP

- Awarded United Way American Values Award
- Chosen Mainstream Teacher of the Year for Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), 2000
- Selected to Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2003
- Regional Center Five Assistant Principal of the Year Selection Committee Chairperson, 2004-2005.
- Universal Pre-K Campaign Steering Committee Chairperson
- St. Brendan Catholic Church Youth Ministry Program Executive Board Member

ACTIVITIES

- Founded Friendly Falcons Community Service Club at Rockway Elementary
- Assisted in collection and distribution of annual Holiday Charities at Camillus House
- Member of Dade Association of School Administrators
- Volunteer teacher at Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center

ALEX PENELAS, P.A.

March 7, 2007

The Honorable Bruno Barreiro
Chairman
Miami Dade Board of County Commissioners
111 NW 1 Street, Suite 220
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Chairman Barreiro: 

It gives me great pleasure to submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Miguel A. Balsera for consideration to the Children's Trust. Having served on the Trust for several years, I fully understand the need to recruit excellent candidates like Dr. Balsera to serve children in our community.

I have known Dr. Balsera for the past 14 years and have seen firsthand how he has dedicated his life to improving the lives of children in our community as a volunteer, educator, and administrator. Whether it was through developing a service club in his elementary school or directing families to community agencies to receive resources and assistance, he has been vital in ensuring the children in our public schools are being offered the highest quality education possible by making sure all their needs are met. I was also very impressed with Dr. Balsera's work and passion for children and early education during his service to the Steering Committee for the Universal Pre-K Campaign in 2002.

Dr. Balsera has distinguished himself as a true professional that analyzes data and identifies areas for improvement in the schools he has served. This is a critical quality for any candidate seeking appointment to this very important Trust. Another example of his understanding of the state of our children was his applied dissertation to assist retained students to pass the FCAT, and avoid a second retention in third grade. He decided to focus his efforts on developing a reading program for retained students in third grade. By doing so, he was able to raise test scores for all 18 students on the FCAT and ensure their promotion to fourth grade and avoid a second retention. With his experience in dealing with Title I programs and the resources and programs offered by Title I, he would be an excellent candidate to serve on the Trust.

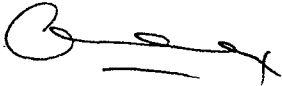
Dr. Balsera is a highly respected administrator in the Miami Dade Public Schools System and a role model to students. His most recent experience working with students with special needs gives him a unique perspective to the needs of our physically, orthopedically, and visually impaired children.

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It is for these reasons and many more that I strongly recommend Dr. Miguel A. Balsera for a position on the Board of The Children's Trust. I am confident in his abilities and know his experience will serve him and this community well in making important decisions that directly impact the lives of our children.

Sincerely, *My* friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alex Penelas

CHERRY L. DOCTOR

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***E-mail: cdoctor@mdc.edu /*cherrydoctor@hotmail.com/cdoctor1@dadeschools.net**

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience educator with solid experience with middle/secondary, adult and professional student population.
- Skilled advisor, with proven abilities with multicultural students from diverse backgrounds.
- Capable of motivating students to succeed in the classroom and the workplace.
- Creative instructor with a strong desire to educate and train.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

North Miami Senior High School

Miami Dade Public School

North Miami, FL.

Full-Time ESE/VE Teacher

08/14/06 to Present

- Create lesson plans, exams and projects for students in various grades in the areas of general science, earth space, and physical sciences.
- Display strong classroom management skills to address the needs of both Special Education and General Education students within the same setting.
- The inclusion teacher for ESE students that are mainstreamed into the General Education classes.
- Attend Individualized Educational Planning conferences to determine appropriate placement.

North Miami Middle School

Miami Dade Public School

North Miami, FL.

Full-Time Science Teacher FL#242271

08/01 to 05/30/06

- Create lesson plans, exams and projects for eighth grade students in the areas of general science, earth space, and health sciences.
- Display strong classroom management skills to address the needs of both Special Education and General Education students within the same setting.
- Receive the majority of ESE students that are mainstreamed into the General Education classes.
- Attend Individualized Educational Planning conferences to determine appropriate placements as the General Education Teacher.

Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus School of Community Education

Miami, FL.

Part-Time Instructor

06/06 to Present

- Instruct adult students in **Graduate Record Exam (GRE)** English and Math preparations for upper division education.
- Instruct high school students in **(SAT)** English and Math preparations for a college education.

Miami Dade College Interamerican Campus/School of Education

Miami, FL.

Part-Time Bachelor's Degree Teaching Program

01/04 to 06/05

Instruction in the Nature and Needs of Exceptional Students K-12

- Instruct students in etiology, terminology, categories, prevalence, behaviors, characteristics, and pedagogical approaches of exceptional students, with the expectations that all students have learning strengths.
- Instruct students to prepare to take the State of Florida subject area exam and to be able to demonstrate the Florida Educators Accomplished Practices in this course.

Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus/REVEST Program

Miami, FL.

Part-Time Adult Education Instructor/VESOL

05/01 to 01/04

- Instruct the following subject areas to Limited English Proficient Students: Conservation, Pronunciation and Level 3A classes.
- Contributing member of the Curriculum, Textbook and Technology committees.
- Routinely document student progress and make appropriate recommendations for level/program changes.

Lindsey Hopkins Adult Vocational Education Center

Miami Dade County Public School

Miami, FL.

Part-Time Adult Reading Instructor

04/00 to 08/01

- Promoted adult literacy by building vocabulary, comprehension skills and sentence structure knowledge.
- Exposed students to a variety of reading materials to enhance their reading level/s.
- Utilized audio/visual equipment to support classroom methodologies.
- Emphasized handwriting techniques, and oral reading.

Miami Dade College Hialeah Outreach Center

Miami, FL.

Part-Time Academic Advisor Credit and Adult Vocational

11/99 to 05/01

- Responsible for assisting new, continuing and transferring students define and clarify their educational goals.
- Recommended courses and programs of study.
- Provided information about the college, including admission, registration and special programs of study.
- Assisted students with graduation and transfer requirements.
- Advised students who are under Standards of Academic Progress.

Miami Heart Institute Hospital

Miami Beach, FL.

Full-Time Respiratory Therapist/Supervisory Position

01/79 to 07/93

- Supervising 11-7 shift. Prepare and distribution of work assignments, maintain time cards, and employee evaluations.
- Trained new respiratory therapist for blood gases, ventilator care, aerosol therapy, etc.
- Hands on delivery in all forms of medical delivery

EDUCATION

Curtin University of Technology/Miami Dade County Public School
Institute for Science and Mathematics Center
Doctor of Science Education

Perth Western Australia
07/04 to Present

Nova Southeastern University
Masters of Science in Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
08/00 to 06/03

Florida International University
Bachelors of Science in Public Administration

Miami, FL.
04/89 to 08/95

Miami Dade Community College
Several Degrees Earned

Miami, FL.
1981 to 1995

- Associate in Arts General Studies 1981
- Associate in Science Respiratory Therapy 1984
- Associate in Science Broadcasting/TV/Films 1995

CERTIFICATIONS

- Professional Educator's Certificate 07/01/04 to 06/30/09
- Clinical Educator Trained by the State of Florida 07/31/06
- Certified in Exceptional Student Education 05/30/03
- Certified in Biology 6-12 until 2004
- META/ESOL endorsed 05/15/02
- Certified Clinical Supervision for Educators 11/27/00

AWARDS

Miami Dade Community College North Campus
The School of Film/Video
Certificate for Excellence in Radio/TV/Cinema

Miami, FL.
04/94

State Attorney's Office
Meritorious Service Award

Miami, FL.
04/99

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

City of Miami
Summer Reading Program
Reading Teacher

Miami, FL.
06/04 to 08/04

- Implement reading instructions to low level readers from elementary and middle schools students.
- Integrate a series of reading materials that would elevate reading comprehension by at least one letter grade prior to the beginning of the new school year.
- Provide statistical analyses of students before and after learning progression.

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc.
Science, Math and Reading After School Program
Tutor

Miami, FL.
02/05 to 07/05

- Provide tutoring assistance to students with their home-learning assignments that pertain to science, math and reading.
- To demonstrate how to become independent learners with relative skills in research, problem solving, critical thinking, and evaluating information.

Platform Learning

After School FCAT Program

Miami, FL.

01/21/06 to 04/18/06

Tutor

- Implement reading instructions to low level readers from elementary and middle schools students.

Center for Independent Living (C.I.L.)

Adult Science (ESE)

Miami, FL.

02/25/06 to present

Tutor (Individual)

- Implement reading and study instructions in science to adult dyslexic student.

INTERESTS

- **Grant Writing**

Grantor	Grantee	Purpose	Amount Received	Date
Miami Dade County Public School Dept. of Math & Science (SECME)	North Miami Middle School North Miami, Fl. 33161	Entry Level Robotics Program 8th Grade	\$100.00	1/24/2005
SECME, Inc. c/o Georgia Institute of Technology	North Miami Middle School North Miami, Fl. 33161	Entry Level Robotics Program 8th Grade	\$500.00	5/1/2005
Educational Excellence School Advisory Council, North Miami Middle School	North Miami Middle School North Miami, Fl. 33161	Entry Level Robotics Program 8th Grade	\$5,704.30	3/24/2005
Educational Excellence School Advisory Council, North Miami Middle School	North Miami Middle School North Miami, Fl. 33161	Water Rocket Launching System	\$1,678.68	2/15/2006

Federal Govt & Miami Dade Public Sch./School Choice	North Miami Senior High School Grantwriting Committee	Model Academic Academies	Pending \$11million	2007, 2008, & 2009
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- North Miami Middle School 8th Grade Award Committee/PR Guest Speakers
Mr. Donahue Peebles, Real estate/Entrepreneur 05/2004
Dr. Robert Ingram, MDCPS School Board Member 05/2005
- Board Member—The City of North Miami Advisory Disabilities Council 2004
- Site Coordinator--North Miami Middle School “5000 Role Models” 09/22/04
- Site Coordinator--North Miami Middle School “SECME”, Science, Engineering, Communications, Math Education. 10/11/05
- Member of North Miami Middle School “EESAC Committee”. Educational Excellence School Advisory Council. 02/18/04.
- Secretary for the Trailblazers Group, A working Capital Florida Group 1996
- Screen Actors Guild since 1984
- HIV/AIDS Resource Teacher 11/01/02
- Participate in the Science Fair and Junior Academy of Science/Experimental Research paper since 2001.
- Grant writing Judge for Citibank/The Education Fund 07/18/06
- Grant writing committee North Miami Senior High School 08/14/06
- North Miami Senior High School Sponsor for the National Honor Society 08/14/06

Cherry L. Doctor
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305-322-1660 (Cellular)

March 6, 2007

Mr. Bruno A. Barreiro
The Office of Chairman
111 NW First Street
Suite 220
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Mr. Barreiro:

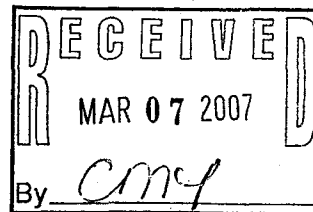
I am responding to your ad as to vacancies on the Children's Trust Board. As an educator, academic, private, and public institutions are increasingly called upon to supply information on how parents and schools can deal with regular and students of exceptional needs. There is a growing need for trained and experienced professionals in this field. I have taught at several of Miami Dade College Campuses, five years in middle school (8th grade science), and as of August 2006, the first year in high school..

I have completed my master's degree in exceptional student education, certified by the State of Florida, and currently enrolled in the Doctoral Science program that began as of July 2004 at Curtin University. I have taught general, earth, health, and physical science for four years. I am sure my services would be useful to you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cherry L. Doctor

Ms. Cherry L. Doctor



March 5th, 2007

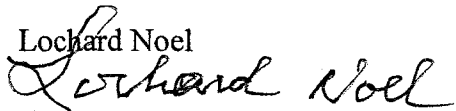
To Whom It May Concern

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Mrs. Cherry Doctor. As teacher and a colleague; she is always proven to be a very reliable and caring professional. Mrs. Doctor likes children very much. She takes great pride in teaching them. She gets along extremely well with her Colleagues.

Mrs. Doctor is a very a knowledgeable person who will certainly be an asset to your institution.

Should you need further information, please feel free to contact me at: 305-891-6590 or Lochard@hotmail.com

Lochard Noel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lochard Noel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

Resume

Linda Friedman

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Miami Beach, FL 33140-2957

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E-mail: fman1@aol.com

- 2001-Present FCAT Consultant North Beach Elementary School
Volunteer: Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Miami Beach, Florida
Mazon Program, Temple Beth Sholom, Miami Beach,
(at the Community Partnership for the Homeless,
Miami)
- 2001 Retired after 28 years teaching elementary school at Leroy D.
Fienberg and North Beach Elementary Schools, Miami Beach
Florida
- 1998-2000 Chairperson: Miami Beach Feeder Pattern Council
- 1997-1998 Region II Social Studies Teacher of the Year
- 1993 Region II Finalist Teacher of the Year
- 1992-1993 North Beach Elementary School Teacher of the Year
- 1991-1993 PTA President Miami Beach Senior High School
- 1989-1990 Chairperson: Youth Committee, Temple Beth Sholom, Miami
Beach, Florida
- 1985-1987 PTA President Miami Beach Senior High School
- 1984-1985 Chairperson: School Board, Temple Beth Sholom, Miami Beach,
Florida
- 1982-1984 PTA President Nautilus Middle School Miami Beach, Florida
- 1979-1981 PTA President North Beach Elementary School
- 1978 M.S. Administration and Supervision Nova University
- 1963 B. Ed. University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

LAW OFFICES OF SCOTT A. SHAPIRO, P.A.

February 15, 2007

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
111 N.W. First Street Suite 220
Miami, FL. 33128

Re: Recommendation of Linda Friedman to The Children's Trust

Dear Chairman Barreiro:

Please allow this letter to serve as my highest recommendation for Linda Friedman to fill the available seat on the Board of Directors of the Children's Trust. As a strong supporter of Governor Crist, I am acutely aware of his lifelong commitment to improving our Children's education. I am confident that appointing Mrs. Friedman to the Children's Trust will be a positive step in the direction of meeting Governor Crist's goals.

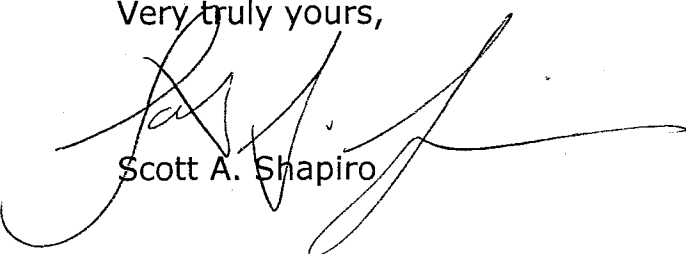
Mrs. Friedman has been educating South Florida's youth for over forty years and continues to be a strong and energetic advocate for Children in our community. She has been recognized by her peers on countless occasions for her continued commitment to excellence.

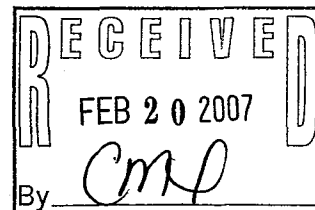
In addition to her experience as an educator, she has also served the Children of South Florida as PTA President at various public schools, Chairperson of the Board of a private school, and as a lifelong volunteer for a variety of organizations that serve our community.

Seldom do we have opportunities to promote candidates for positions for which they truly possess the qualities necessary to thrive in that role. This is one of those opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Scott A. Shapiro



Keith W. Landon

16120 S.W. 77 Avenue
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Telephone: (305) 969-2467
Email: rklandon@mindspring.com

Advocacy and Volunteer Service for Children and Families

Junior League of Miami, Active Member, 1995 to Present; Vice President, Communications 2003-2004; Community Advisory Board Liaison, 2004-2005; presently Co-Chair, Inn Transition South (residential program for abused women and children).

Beaux Arts, Inc., Active Member, 2000 to Present; Vice Chair, Children's Pavilion (summer art camp for ages 5 to 12, and employing students ages 16 to college); Committee Member, "Hands On" Art Classes for Miami-Dade County Public School Children; Chair, Beaux Art Festival of Art at the University of Miami (including children's art classes and Student Artist Showcase for high school artists), 2006; Vice President, 2007-2008.

Coral Reef Elementary School PTA, Active Member, 2001 to Present; presently Vice President, Ways and Means (in charge of all PTA fundraising); classroom volunteer.

South Florida Preschool PTA, Active Member, 1999 to Present; Reading Tutor in the First Start/Even Start Program at Ethel Beckham Elementary School; Preschool Vision Screener in the SFPPTA's Preschool Vision Screening Program.

Kendall United Methodist Church, Teacher, Vacation Bible School, 2001 to 2005.

Work Experience

Knight Foundation, Communications Assistant, 1994 to 1996.

Dade Community Foundation, Program Assistant, 1992 to 1994.

Donors Forum of Miami, Executive Assistant to Director, 1992 to 1994.

Education

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, A.B. 1991.

St. Martin's Episcopal High School, Metairie, LA, 1987.

Community References

Karen Cabrera, Past President, Junior League of Miami, (305) 667-5425

Ernestine S. Davis, MSW, Miami-Dade Social Services Supervisor 2, (786) 293-3394.

Hon. Eugene P. Flinn, Jr., Mayor, Village of Palmetto Bay, FL, (305) 259-1234.

Ruth Shack, President, Dade Community Foundation, (305) 371-2711.

Mary M. Young, IBM Executive, (305) 442-3862.

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
111 N.W. First Street
Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

March 5, 2007

Re: Keith Landon for The Children's Trust Board of Directors

Dear Chairman Barreiro:

I strongly urge you and your fellow Commissioners to recommend Keith Landon to Governor Crist for appointment to The Children's Trust Board of Directors. Her resume is enclosed for the Commission's consideration.

Keith (who is named for her Mom's historic Scottish clan, the "Keiths") arrived here with her husband in September 1992, right after Hurricane Andrew. She quickly set to work helping our community, and particularly our children and families, to recover. She became active in the young professionals service group "Hands-On Miami," which has since become a United Way sponsored program. She worked with our community's leading non-profits for her first four years here, first with Dade Community Foundation and Donors Forum of Miami, and later with Knight Foundation.

In 1996, after becoming a Mom herself, Keith retired from Knight Foundation. Throughout the last decade, however, she has dedicated literally hundreds of hours each year to improving the lives of our children and families through a number of our most well-respected service organizations. Keith has held volunteer board positions, including her service with the Junior League of Miami as its Community Advisory Board Liaison, 2004-2005. She presently co-chairs the League's Inn Transition South program, one of its two residential programs for abused women and children. Keith has a special passion for improving the educational life of our community's children. Through Beaux Arts, Inc., Keith has organized and supervised summer art classes at the University of Miami campus for students ages 5 to 12, and has employed assistant art instructors ages 16 to college. During the school year, through the same group, Keith has helped organize art classes and procured funding to purchase art supplies for public school children throughout Miami-Dade County. Keith also has been a tireless fundraiser and active member of her local elementary school PTA, and has volunteered her time as a reading tutor and vision screener with the South Florida Preschool PTA.

Keith has acquired a deep understanding of the needs of our children and families from her personal volunteer commitments to and interactions with these individuals from many segments of our community. She has shown the ability to work collaboratively and achieve great results through the organizations in which she has served. Keith seeks to achieve positive results for those in need, not for herself. Thus, Keith will surely continue her service to our community whether or not she is a board member of The Children's Trust. That said, the Commission has an exciting opportunity with Keith to have a person of demonstrated talent and stewardship make a wonderful contribution to the important work of The Children's Trust.

Thank you for considering this strong recommendation of Keith Landon.

Respectfully,



Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
111 N.W. First Street
Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

March 6, 2007

Re: Keith Landon for The Children's Trust Board of Directors

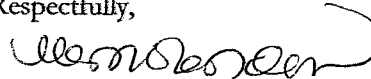
Dear Chairman Barreiro:

I respectfully ask that you and your fellow Commissioners recommend me to Governor Crist for appointment to The Children's Trust Board of Directors. I have a keen awareness of the needs of our children and families, and a demonstrated commitment and ability to work with others in our community to address those needs through my work with several community non-profits and my substantial volunteer service, including board service. A copy of my resume is enclosed.

Since moving here in 1992, weeks after Hurricane Andrew, I have dedicated substantially all of my professional life, board service, and hundreds of hours of volunteer commitments each year to improving the lives of our children and families. I have exercised careful and proper stewardship over substantial revenues and funds of the Junior League of Miami, Beaux Arts, Inc., and the school PTA on which I current serve as the head of Ways and Means. I believe that I am uniquely qualified to serve on The Children's Trust Board to further improve the lives of our children and families.

I have been encouraged to apply by similarly service-minded members of our community who are familiar with my work in service to our community. A number of them have or will contact you and your fellow Commissioners over the next few days in support of my application. Thanks to you and your fellow Commissioners for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,



Keith W. Landon
16120 SW 77 Avenue
Village of Palmetto Bay, FL 33157
Tel: 305.969.2467

Enclosure
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OCTAVIO F. VERDEJA

1330 Coral Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

255 Alhambra Circle, Suite 424
Coral Gables, FL 33134

PERSONAL DATA

Married to:	Susana Freyre for 49 years
Children:	Mike, Maria, Juan Carlos, and Octavio, ages 37 to 48
Grandchildren:	Girls 10, Boys 6, ages 5 to 25
Date of Birth:	May 24, 1938
Citizen:	U.S.A., Miami-Dade County Resident—47 Years

EDUCATION

La Salle - <i>Grade School, High School and College</i>	Havana, Cuba
University of Miami - <i>Bachelor in Business Administration, 1966</i>	Coral Gables, Florida
Certified Public Accountant, <i>Florida, 1971</i>	
Financial Advisor, <i>Florida, 1999</i>	

BUSINESS

Verdeja & De Armas - <i>Certified Public Accountant firm in Miami-Dade County. Founder and Senior Partner.</i>	Coral Gables, Florida
Verdeja Investment Advisors, Inc. - <i>President and Owner</i>	Coral Gables, Florida

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Cuban American Certified Public Accountants

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT (1972 TO PRESENT)

- Board Member and Treasurer,
- The Children's Trust
- Past Chairman and President, United Way of Dade County
- Past Board Member, Miami Dade Community Foundation
- Past President, Health System Agency of South Florida
- Past Member, Judicial Nominating Committee
- Past Board Member, Miami City Ballet
- Past Board of Trustee, American Red Cross
- Past Board Member, F.A.C.E.
- Foster Care Review Program
- Basketball Coach – Corpus Christi Church, Epiphany School and The Learning Experience

AWARDS

In 1998, recognized by United Home Care Services as "Volunteer Leader of the Year" with the Claude Pepper Memorial Award.
In 1988, elected "Accountant of the Year" by the FICPA Dade County Chapter.
In 1986, recognized by the United Way of Dade County as "Volunteer Leader of the Year."
In 1985, listed among the 100 influential Hispanics in the United States by "Hispanic Business" - September 1985 issue.
In 1984, received the "Brotherhood Award: from the National Conference of Christians and Jews."
In 1983, received the "Dade County Citizens Award" from the South Dade Council of B'Nai B'Rith.
In 1983, Octavio was recognized by a Miami Herald Poll as the eleventh most influential person in the Cuban community, in the January 16, 1983 issue of Tropic Magazine.

February 13, 2007



Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners
111 N.W. First Street, Suite 220
Miami, Florida 33128

Re: Children's Trust Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Barreiro:

Enclosed, please find a copy of my resume. I hereby request to be considered for re-appointment by the Governor for a four-year term.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Octavio F. Verdeja'.

Octavio F. Verdeja